

December 17, 2010 Federal Extensions Frequently Asked Questions

What does it mean when people refer to “tiers” or different extensions of unemployment?

There are currently six unemployment tiers:

- Regular State Unemployment (UI) provides up to 26 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #1 (EEUC) provides up to 20 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #2 (EEUC) provides up to 14 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #3 (EEUC) provides up to 13 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #4 (EEUC) provides up to 6 weeks of benefits

Extended Benefits (EB) provides up to 20 weeks of benefits

Does the new federal unemployment extension add any new tiers of benefits or provide any extra weeks of benefits for people who previously ran out of extended benefits?

No. This extension simply resumes the previous extension. It does not add any extra weeks of benefits. If you exhausted all tiers of federally extended benefits (EUC) and Extended Benefits (EB) you are not eligible for further UI benefits under your current claim.

Do I qualify for the new federal unemployment extension?

You will likely be eligible for this extension if you exhausted your regular state unemployment (UI) benefits and have not exhausted all tiers of the federally extended benefits (EUC). You may also be eligible if you had a balance remaining on your Extended Benefits (EB) when that program ended on December 12. If you fully exhausted your Extended Benefits (EB) you are not eligible.

When can I start filing again?

Eligible Hoosiers can begin filing vouchers for retroactive benefits on Sunday, December 19, 2010. Claimants may have up to 4 retroactive vouchers appear on their Uplink homepage on Sunday. If all vouchers do not appear check your Uplink homepage the next day for any new vouchers. Individuals should begin checking their Uplink homepages Sunday and continue to check the homepage daily for any requests for information or other issues until all vouchers are paid. Vouchers will remain online for 6 weeks.

Will the money be available the next day?

DWD will pay benefits the next day for all eligible vouchers filed before 3pm. Vouchers will be paid every day beginning Monday. Debit cards will also be funded on Christmas Eve for eligible vouchers filed the day before.

Will I get all of the benefits that I missed?

Individuals will receive a voucher for each week of missed benefits they were eligible to receive.

Will everyone get vouchers for each week they missed?

In most cases all retroactive vouchers will appear on your Uplink homepage on Sunday, December 19. You should fill out every voucher that appears on your homepage. Hoosiers should visit their Uplink homepage daily beginning Sunday, December 19 to make sure they don't have any pending applications or links seeking information. In some cases more information will be required for vouchers to appear.

Do I still need to list where I looked for work on my past vouchers?

You must look for work in order to be eligible to collect unemployment. You must list the places you look for work for each week of benefits you want to claim.

Am I eligible for retroactive benefits if I took a full-time job after the benefits expired?

You may be eligible for benefits each week you were not working full-time. You are not eligible for benefits the week you **START** a new full-time job.

Will I be eligible if I quit my job because the extension passed?

You are most likely not eligible for benefits if you quit your job.

Will I still get the extra \$25 per week?

This new federal legislation does not include the additional \$25 per week payment.

What do I do if I was collecting Extended Benefits (EB) when the last extension ran out?

People collecting Extended Benefits (EB) will be able to resume collecting whatever benefits they had remaining when the program ended on December 12. Individuals should begin checking their Uplink homepages Sunday and continue to check the homepage daily for any requests for information or other issues until all vouchers are paid.

What happens if I exhausted Tier 4 benefits when the last extension ran out?

Hoosiers who exhausted Tier 4 benefits will not see any new vouchers online. A letter from DWD will be sent in the mail on Wednesday, December 22 with instructions on filing for Extended Benefits (EB). The laws pertaining to the Extended Benefits (EB) program require people to apply in person at their local WorkOne Center and to bring the DWD eligibility letter.